

Driving Home / *Verna Hill*

Mail boxes
mouths wide open
flagged and filled with
letters, magazines, bills, advertisements.

Clothes lines taut
waiting the weekday's
washed, wet and dry
blue jeans, coveralls, sheets, rust-stained diapers.

Hay wagons
loaded with fresh
cut, cured, field-dried
clover, alfalfa, rye, barefoot farm boys.

Roadside stands
overflowing
crisp, crunchy, clean
carrots, cucumbers, corn, zucchini squash.

Rafts of leaves
raked and rallied
ripe for rowdy
boys and girls, brave mothers, pants-patching pets.

Marigolds
orange and yellow
pampered and picked by
housewives, husbands, dead-of-the-night neighbors.

Odds and ends
fueled and fired
fragrant odor
garbage, frippery, wood, marijuana.

Driving home
work-day world done
weaving my way
applauding the advertisements of Autumn.